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SUBJECT: SECVISIT - SECRETARY KISSINGER. IN LONDON

TUESDAY, MAY 25TH, REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON/
CASTRO LETTER TO PALME RE CUBAN TROOP WITH-
DRAWALS FROM ANGOLA, ON CBS-TV. BELOW IS TEXT
OF SECRETARY'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON ABOVE
SUBJECT FOR BERNARD KALB CBS-TV.

BEGIN TEXT:

KA/. MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU TELL US THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE NOTE THAT WE'VE READ ABOUT THAT SWEDEN PROVIDED
TO YOU ON CUBA?

KISSINGER: WHEN I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME HE
READ ME A COMMUNICATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CASTRO, IN
WHICH CASTRO INDICATED THAT CUBA WAS GOING TO WITHDRAW

AT THE RATE OF 200 A WEEK. IT WAS
NOT CLEAR FROM THIS COMMUNICATION WHETHER THE WITH-
DRAWAL HAD ALREADY STARTED OR WAS IMMINENT, AND IT
WAS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT POINT - DOWN TO WHAT POINT THEY
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WOULD WITHDRAW.BUT THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT ALL OF

THE FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. IF THIS IS TRUE - WE'RE CHECKING IT OUT AT THIS MOMENT - AND IF WE CAN OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF IT, IT WOULD BE A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND A RESULT IN PART OF OUR INSISTENCE AND PRESSURE WE'VE BEEN BRINGING ON THIS POINT TOGETHER WITH FRIENDLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

KALB: MR. SECRETARY, DOES THE U.S. POSITION REMAIN TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL CUBAN TROOPS, OR WILL YOU SETTLE FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT?

KISSINGER: NO, OUR POSITION IS TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL CUBAN TROOPS. IF IT'S A QUESTION OF ADVISERS IN TECHNICAL FIELDS, THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER. BUT ALL ORGANIZED CUBAN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

KALB: MR. SECRETARY, DID THE SOVIET UNION PLAY ANY ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT?

KISSINGER: WE'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ASSESS AS YET EXACTLY WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT MEANS AND, THEREFORE, WE WANT TO CAUTION AGAINST GOING TOO FAR WITH IT. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ROLE THE SOVIET UNION PLAYED THOUGH WE HAD SOME INDICATIONS EARLIER FROM THEM THAT THEY WERE THINKING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE WHO INFLUENCED IT.

KALB: MR. SECRETARY, WHY DO YOU THINK CUBA HAS TAKEN THIS ACTION?

KISSINGER: WELL, I THINK CUBA HAS HAD TO RECOGNIZE /THAT ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES WAS DETERIORATING TO A SERIOUS POINT, THAT WE WERE DETERMINED TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER MILITARY ADVENTURES, AND ALSO THAT OTHER AFRICAN STATES AGREED WITH OUR POLICY THAT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE LEFT TO AFRICAN NATIONS AND SHOULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY OUTSIDE FORCES. I THINK ALL OF THESE FACTORS CAME TOGETHER.

KALB: DO YOU THINK, SIR, THAT IT IS THE NEW AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICY TOWARD AFRICA THAT HELPED PROD CUBA IN THIS DIRECTION?

KISSINGER: I THINK THE NEW AFRICAN POLICY CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY, AND CERTAINLY GAINED US A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT IN AFRICA. I THINK IT WAS A FACTOR.

KALB: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SECRETARY.

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